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FROM TODAY ON I'M YOUR OLDER BROTHER, MITSUKIYO
...
MY NAME IS "SANEKU."
NOT "SANEKIYO"
I'M AFRAID I CANNOT
SOON, I SHALL GO TO THE SAME PLACE AS YOUR DEAR MOTHER AND FATHER!
THERE IS NO WAY I CAN RETURN AFTERWARDS
BUT GRAND-MOTHER, AM I JOINING THE AKITSU"?
WHAT ABOUT YOU, GRAND-MOTHER? AREN'T YOU COMING TOO?
FROM NOW ON, SANEKU, YOU ARE "MIKASA SANE-KIYO"
* = THE AKITSU ARE A FICTIONAL CLAN

BUT YOU MUST GO,
IT'S YOUR DESTINY.
YOU CAN SEE THAT KIND OF THING GRAND-MOTHER?

I DON'T WANT TO BE ALONE!
BUT, BUT. NO...!
BUT YOU WON'T BE,
I'M HERE WITH YOU.
You'll be fine!
Sanekiyo

From here on,
you'll see things differently.
you'll think differently...
You'll laugh, and cry.
There are many precious people that cannot be found

Chapter 1: The New Navy Academy

Year
2664,
Spring

Tsushima Country Kouto
I'M HO~!
OI YOU, CAT EARS!

SO WHAT IS THAT BOX?
THIS IS MY...
WHAT AM I-? THIS IS MY HOUSE!
YOU'RE AN UNFAMILIAR FACE. WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
EH?
WHAT IS IT MR. POLICEMAN?
CAT THIEF?!
I'M ARRESTING YOU, YOU CAT THIEF!
THIS IS THE HOME OF THE ARMY'S CAPTAIN MIKASA KIHEI-DONO...
MORON! DON'T THINK THAT I BELIEVE YOUR LIES!
GIVE IT UP! KEEP YOUR HANDS WHERE I CAN SEE THEM!
I'M TAKING AN EXAM SOON, SO I'M BOARDING HERE FOR FREE!
I'M MIKASA MITSUKIYO'S LITTLE BROTHER!
WAIT A SECOND! IT'S THE OPPOSITE!
QUIT IT WITH YOUR NONSENSE!
AH, WAI-!
CAPTAIN MIKASA ISN'T AN OINAIAN*!
AS IF YOU'RE RELATED TO HIM!

*OINA IS ANOTHER CLAN, IN WHICH SANEKIYO WAS ORIGINALLY FROM.

IT'S THE TRUTH!
I AM CAPTAIN MIKASA MITSUKIYO'S YOUNGER BROTHER,
MIKASA SANEKIYO!
!!
LET ME GO!
!
BAS-TARD!
ARE YOU RESIS-TING AR-REST?
THE BRAT'S GETTING AWAY!

BRAT!
O-TO!
.....?!
YOU..
KEEP STILL SO I CAN TIE YOU UP!
TAKE THAT!
AHHH!
HYAA!

YOU LITTLE... QUIT DODGING!
I'M GOING EASY ON YOU!
HYAAAAA!

HUH—?!
HE DODGED EVERYTHING? HOW?!
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW..
IT'S SIMPLE. I JUST SAW THROUGH EVERY ONE OF YOUR MOVES.
THIS IS...
HM?

GIVE IT BACK! THAT CHEST IS MY-!
CRAP! THAT CHEST IS...!
!!
WHAT'S THIS?
"THE NEW NAVY ACADEMY". STOLEN GOODS?
ISN'T IT QUITE NOISY IN HERE?
!

!
CAPTAIN MIKASA KIHEI-DONO!
.....
SANE-KIYO?
THIS KID TRIED TO GET INTO YOUR HOUSE AND...
OI! STAY STILL!!
BRO-THER!
ばっ

...
HUH?!
WON'T YOU LET HIM GO?
HE IS MY BRO-THER
HE'S NOT LYING
HUH?
HE TOLD ME THAT HE WAS YOUR LITTLE BROTHER, BUT THAT'S A LIE, RIGHT?
I'M SO MOVED!
CA-CAP-TAIN MIK-ASA-DONO!
STOP THAT, SANEKIYO!
TO GO AS FAR AS TO SAVE A GUY PRETENDING TO BE YOUR BROTHER-!
THAT IS SO LIKE THE CAPTAIN.. UPHOLDING THE RIGHTS OF EVERY-ONE IN A TIME FULL OF DIS-CRIMINATION...

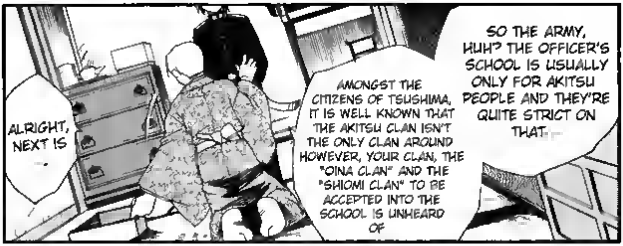
HE REALLY IS MY YOUNGER BROTHER.
HE ISN'T LYING.
We-well
PLEASE EXCUSE ME!
THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK
LET'S GO OUR SEPARATE WAYS, YOU CAN GO HOME
I WAS GOING TO RETURN TO THE MILITARY COMMISSION, BUT I THINK ITS BEST IF I GO HOME

SO...
COOL ...
...?
WHAT WAS THAT, SANE-KIYO?
N-NOT-HING!
ABSOL-UTELY NOTHING!
YOU BOUGHT THE NEW NAVY ACADEMY UNIFORM?
THAT CHEST!
水軍志

Sanekiyo Mikasa
おおっ
...SANE-KIYO,
DO YOU NEED HELP?
I'M FINE!!
IT'S- IT'S JUST THAT THIS UNIFORM HAS A FEW ITEMS THAT I DON'T UNDER STAND
YOU'RE IN TROUBLE IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO PUT ON CLOTHES
IF YOU GET INTO THE DORMS I CAN'T HELP YOU PUT ON AND TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES EVERY MORNING
HEY! I KNOW HOW TO DRESS MYSELF!
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT I'VE HAD TO WEAR WESTERN CLOTHING. I'LL BE FINE AFTER PRACTICE!

THIS BELT THING IS REALLY ANNOYING
HOW THE HELL DO I TIE IT?
SANE-KIYO.
YOU PLACE IT AROUND YOUR WAIST AND USE THE CLASP
OWW!
YOU MIGHT WANT TO STOP BEING SO ARRO-GANT
OK... BROTHER...
.....
I'M SO HAPPY YOU'VE BEEN ALLOWED INTO THE NEW NAVY ACADEMY
AND YOU'RE THE TOP OF THE CLASS! I'M SO PROUD OF YOU!

I'M TRULY HAPPY
THAT YOU'VE CHOSEN THE SAME PATH AS ME...


ALRIGHT, NEXT IS...
AMONGST THE CITIZENS OF TSUSHIMA, IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT THE AKITSU CLAN ISN'T THE ONLY CLAN AROUND HOWEVER, YOUR CLAN, THE "OINA CLAN" AND THE "SHIOMI CLAN" TO BE ACCEPTED INTO THE SCHOOL IS UNHEARD OF
SO THE ARMY, HUH? THE OFFICER'S SCHOOL IS USUALLY ONLY FOR AKITSU PEOPLE AND THEY'RE QUITE STRICT ON THAT...

IT'S THE VIEW OF EVERYONE
JUST TO BE ACCEPTED IS AN HONOUR...
KIND OF IMPOSSIBLE, HUH?
THE STUDENTS' HAT...

HOLD ON A SECOND, I'LL GIVE YOU SOMETHING...
YOU'LL LOOK WEIRD WITH A HAT...
..BROTHER?
HMM?
THAT POLICEMAN FROM BEFORE AND YOUR SUBORDINATE...
THEY DIDN'T BELIEVE THAT I AM YOUR BROTHER,
SO YOU SHOULD TELL PEOPLE THAT I'M YOUR SERVANT INSTEAD. THEY MIGHT BELIEVE YOU THEN
SO THEN FOR YOU BROTHER, ESPECIALLY...

ビク!!
バン!!
DON'T EVER SAY THAT AGAIN!
I'M ALWAYS PROUD TO SAY THAT YOU ARE MY BROTHER, TRULY.
DON'T LET WHAT HAPPENED INFLUENCE THE TRUTH!
SO WHAT IF YOU'RE AN OINAIAN?
WE'RE JOINED BY BLOOD WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT!

YOU ARE MY LITTLE BROTHER
AHH... I KNEW IT,
IT DOES SUIT YOU, SANEKIYO.
.....

YOU ARE "THE NEW NAVY ACADEMY 15TH FRESHMAN TOP STUDENT MIKASA SANEKIYO" RIGHT?
THIS IS A HEADBAND FOR BECOMING A NEW STUDENT YOU ARE NOT ONLY MY LITTLE BROTHER ANY MORE.
AS A MALE OF THE MIKASA FAMILY AND AS A STUDENT OF THE NEW NAVY ACADEMY DON'T HIDE AWAY FROM THIS OPPORTUNITY
SO DON'T FORGET.
AH!
THANK YOU, BROTHER!

SANE-KIYO?
YOU'RE GOING TO LEAVE BY THE BACK DOOR?
EH? BUT...
I ALWAYS LEAVE BY THIS DOOR...
IDIOT! TODAY IS YOUR EN-TRANCE CER-EMONY!
YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THIS FAMILY, SO YOU ARE LEAVING VIA THE FRONT ENTRANCE.
...
AH! ALRIGHT!

Kouto, Tsukji
New Navy Academy
THIS IS AS FAR AS I CAN GO...
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ANYTHING?
ALL BOARDERS ARE ALLOWED TO COME HOME ON HOLIDAYS, AND YOU MAY DO THE SAME .
ARE YOU LISTENING SANEKIYO?
I DON'T REALLY WANT TO BE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE OTHER FIRST YEARS
eh?

ISN'T THAT AN OINAIAN HE'S GOT A TAIL.
AND HE'S WEARING THE SAME UNIFORM AS US. IS HE A STUDENT?
THERE'S NO WAY. IN THE ENTIRE HISTORY OF THE ACADEMY, AN OINAIAN HAS NEVER GOTTEN IN

.....

SANE-KIYO.
Y-YES!
DON'T LOSE TO THEM.

WELL, I'LL BE OFF!
YES!
AH.

!?
H-HEY! YOU!
...AN OINA-IAN?

THE 15TH FRESHMAN TOP STUDENT IS AN OINAIAN?
職員室
Trans: Teacher's Office
THE 14TH FRESHMAN TOP STUDENT WASN'T AN AKITSUNIAN EITHER, HE WAS FROM SHIOMI RIGHT?
OUR GRADUATE NUMBERS THIS TIME AROUND HAVE DROPPED BY 90%
THAT'S LIKE OUR FAILED "INFANT DIVISION" ISN'T IT? SO MANY DROPPED OUT
THE STUDENTS' TEMPERAMENT KEEPS FALLING
IS THAT SO?
I, AS THE HEAD TEACHER, AM EXPECTING SOMETHING TO CHANGE.

2nd Division
Classroom
WANT TO SEE THE WORLD, AND WE CAN SHOW THEM.
THOSE GUYS, FOR SURE

.....
O...OI! SHUT UP, HATSUSE!
THAT GUY'S DEFINITELY AN OINAIAN.
YO! I'M HATSUSE TADANOBU! WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
!

I AM, AS YOU CAN OBVIOUSLY SEE..
OK, CALM DOWN
NO MATTER HOW MANY PEOPLE PICK ON ME I AM OLDER BROTHER MITSU-KIYO'S SIBLING HE'LL SHOW THEM.
!
I KNEW IT! I SO PICKED IT!
ARE YOU REALLY FROM OINA?
OH..
AWESOME!
WHAT?
OINAIAN'S REALLY DO HAVE CAT EARS AND TAILS!
EH... AH!
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SEEN ONE FOR REAL!
THERE ARE MALE ONES TOO HUH? I THOUGHT ALL OINAIANS WERE GIRLS.
WH-?
YOU EVEN UNDERSTAND OUR LANGUAGE! DO YOU USE YOUR NATIVE LANGUAGE AT HOME?

CAN YOU MOVE YOUR TAIL?
WHAT DO YOUR EARS FEEL LIKE?
AH! WAI--
DON'T TOUCH —!
AH!

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KEEP IT TOGETHER. I'M A MAN OF THE MIKASA FAMILY AFTER ALL!
TH-THAT'S RIGHT
"AS A MALE OF THE MIKASA FAMILY AND AS A STUDENT OF THE NEW NAVY ACADEMY, DON'T HIDE AWAY FROM THIS OPPORTUNITY."
"REMEMBER, DO NOT BREAK THIS!"
!!
AH, S-SORRY.
THAT'D MAKE SENSE! I MEAN, THOSE EARS'D GET IN THE WAY.
AHHH! YOU'RE WEARING THAT HEADBAND INSTEAD OF THE HAT RIGHT?
"EARS", "TAIL"... OH MAN HE'S ANNOYING.
!!!!
UWAAA!!

OK, THAT'S ENOUGH YOU TWO!
PRO-PROFESSOR!
NEW RECRUITS ARE ALWAYS SO LIVELY, TOO LIVELY SOMETIMES.
PLEASE TELL ME YOUR NAMES AND SEATS AND YOUR REASON BEHIND YOUR LITTLE FIGHT HERE
HM-MM.
AH.. 15TH FRESHMAN TOP RUNNER-UP! HATSUSE TADANOBU!
SEAT AND NAME!
I APOLOGIZE!
H-HEY, THAT'S NOT IT! THAT WAS NOT MY INTENTION!
THIS MORON WAS MAKING FUN OF ME! BECAUSE OF MY BACKGROUND!
15TH FRESHMAN TOP STUDENT! MIKASA SANEKIYO!

STUDENT MIKASA,
YOU ARE THE FIRST OINAIAN TO TAKE THE ENTRANCE EXAM AND YOU EVEN GOT THE TOP SCORE
STUDENT HATSUSE,
YOU WERE EXCELLENT IN THE EXAM TOO, JUST A LITTLE OFF..
ALRIGHT, AS YOU KNOW
TSUSHIMA IS NOT A COUNTRY OF A SINGLE NATIONALITY.
Trans: Student Roll
Blue Sea
Oina
Akitsu
Tsus Sea
Shiomi
Tsushima
THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION ARE FROM THE "AKITSU" CLAN.
ANOTHER 10% ARE KNOWN AS THE "SHIOMI" CLAN.
AND THE MINORITY, WHO HAVE DIFFERENT EARS AND EVEN HAVE TAILS, ARE CALLED THE "OINA" CLAN
WE ARE A SMALL COUNTRY SURROUNDED BY SEA, WHERE THE CLANS ALL SHARE A MUTUAL HISTORY AND CULTURE WITH EACH OTHER
TO KEEP TSUSHIMA THE WAY IT IS,
TO BE IN LINE WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD, WE NEED A NAVY--

AND YOU GUYS HERE,
AS THOSE TRAINING TO BECOME OFFICERS OF THAT VERY NAVY, ARE NEEDED!
SO, YOUR LITTLE FIGHT JUST BEFORE I HOPE THAT YOU THINK BEFORE YOU ACT SO THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN!
...RIGHT!
JUST THINK THINGS THROUGH. 1ST SEAT, 2ND SEAT!
I'M EXPECTING GREAT THINGS FROM YOU TWO.

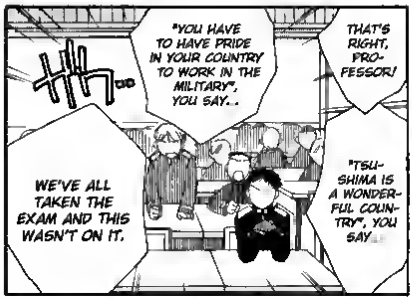
!
ALRIGHT, EVERYONE TAKE YOUR SEATS!
LET'S BEGIN
YOU AGAIN, HATSUSE?!
WHY DO I HAVE TO SIT NEXT TO YOU?
IT CAN'T BE HELPED. WE'RE NEXT TO EACH OTHER IN SCORES
YOU MEAN OUR ENTRANCE EXAM SCORES.
STUDENT MIKASA
UH?
AH- YES!
STUDENT MIKASA! STUDENT HATSUSE!

COME UP HERE AND DRAW A MAP OF TSUSHIMA ON THE BOARD.
O-OK!
WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF CLASS, REFRAIN FROM SPEAKING PLEASE STUDENT MIKASA
AH!
BLUE WATERS
LEHITO-BURG--
AND BARA-YANOCCH!
OUR NATION, TSU-SHIMA
...I THINK THAT'S IT.

THIS ONE HERE IS TSUSHIMA, CORRECT?
YES!
HMM. THAT'S A BRILLIANT MAP!
DID YOU LEARN THIS AT SCHOOL?
WELL DONE.
Y-
YES.
HOWEVER, FROM HERE ON, PLEASE FORGET THAT VERSION OF THE MAP YOU LEARNT.
THE TSUSHIMA NAVY
USES THIS MAP INSTEAD.

THIS IS THE MAP OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT NOW.
IN THE MIDDLE IS A CONTINENT OF [illegible] COLONIES AND ITS ISLANDS
AND BETWEEN THESE SUPER POWER NATIONS WE HAVE THE OU SEA AND THE KINKOU SEA.
FOR 400 YEARS WE HAVE CO-EXISTED LIKE THIS. THE MONARCHICAL NATION OF BARA-YANOCCHI THE COUNTRY OF LEHT-OBURG UNDER A MILITARY DICTAT-ORSHIP, AND THE INDUSTRIAL POWERHOUSE KRAKARENS.

AND THIS IN THE CENTRE OF THE POWER BALANCE
IS OUR VERY OWN COUNTRY, TSUSHIMA.
.....
NO...
NO WAY...


"YOU HAVE TO HAVE PRIDE IN YOUR COUNTRY TO WORK IN THE MILITARY", YOU SAY..
THAT'S RIGHT, PROFESSOR!
WE'VE ALL TAKEN THE EXAM AND THIS WASN'T ON IT.
"TSUSHIMA IS A WONDERFUL COUNTRY", YOU SAY

UP TILL NOW, WE HAVEN'T LEARNT ANYTHING ABOUT THIS

BUT NOW, YOU ALL ARE HERE NOW AS NEW MEMBERS OF THE NAVY
I WAS ONLY TAUGHT THIS ONCE I ENTERED THIS PLACE TOO.
THAT'S ABOUT RIGHT,

HOWEVER, IS BEING IN THE CENTRE OF THE WORLD THAT WONDERFUL?
IS IT THE ONLY JOB OF THE MILITARY TO PROTECT THE WONDERFUL COUNTRY OF TSUSHIMA?
TSUSHIMA IS WONDERFUL COUNTRY AND TO PROTECT IT IS OUR JOB
BUT OF COURSE, YOU ARE RIGHT,

Red Sea
Mid Sea
THE MOST ESSENTIAL THING TO OUR NATION IS US; THE MILITARY.
ALSO, WHERE WE ARE MEANS WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WORLD.
IS THAT SO?
HOWEVER, THE GATE THAT YOU ALL CAME THROUGH THIS MORNING WAS NOT THE MAIN GATE.
IT WAS THE SIDE ENT-RANCE.
EH · EH??
THIS MORNING WHEN YOU LEFT. WHICH ENTRANCE DID YOU USE?
OH BY THE WAY STUDENT MIKASA,
... FROM-FROM THE FRONT ENTRANCE ...?
SO, WHERE IS THE ACAD-EMY'S MAIN GATE?
THE ANSWER IS OUTSIDE THE WINDOW.

WHEN YOU LOOK OUT, YOU SEE A WHARF, RIGHT?
THAT IS THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE ACADEMY.

TSUSHIMA'S NEW NAVY ACADEMY'S TRUE GATE,
IS OPEN TOWARDS THE WORLD.

FROM HERE
TO THE WORLD?
OF COURSE. EVEN THOUGH I SAY THAT IT'S ALWAYS OPEN TO THE WORLD, YOU DO NOT PASS THROUGH IT HALF-HEARTEDLY.
UNTIL YOU GRADUATE, UNTIL YOU BECOME A MAN OR WOMAN OF THE NAVY. THIS IS WHAT YOU STRIVE FOR.
I AM YOUR HOME-ROOM PROFESSOR, THE ACADEMY'S LEADERSHIP DEPARTMENT, NAVY RANK CAPTAIN, YOSHINO SOUICHIROU.
I WELCOME YOU TO THE TSUSHIMA NAVY!

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Chapter 2: The 15th Top Student

TSUSHIMA, KOUTO PROVINCE- TSUKIJI CITY
THE NEW NAVY ACADEMY, 2ND DIVISION FRESHMEN CLASSROOM
ALRIGHT, I'VE GRADED YOUR QUIZZES, I'LL PASS THEM OUT NOW.
MIKASA SANEKIYO!
HATSUSE TADANOBU !
YES!
YES!

... READY, SET-!
10/10
Mikoto Sanekiya
9/10
HATSUSE
DAMN IT!!!
THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE MODERN CIVILIZATION TEST, LITERATURE EXAM, MATH QUIZZES, PHYSICS, AND HISTORY; IN FACT, I'VE BEEN DEFEATED IN ALL 8 EXAMS!!!
JUST ACCEPT YOUR DEFEAT, STUDENT HATSUSE!!
OI! QUIET YOU TWO!
FINISH THIS ON YOUR OWN TIME!

A LITTLE COMPETITION IS GOOD, BUT GOOD MARKS AREN'T EVERYTHING TO THE ACADEMY!
BE A LITTLE MORE SELF AWARE! HOW ABOUT BEING, A LITTLE MORE CONSIDERATE FOR OTHER STUDENTS, RIGHT?
...YES...

I THINK HE MEANS...

TO BE MORE LIKE A "TOP STUDENT"...

EH? IS THAT RIGHT?
THAT'S MY JOB!
THEN, HOW ABOUT THE TEA...
AH... SO SORRY.
OI! STUDENT MIKASA! QUIT DOZING OFF!
RIGHT, I SHALL SERVE THE SOUP...
.....
ORGA-NIZE?
NOPE, STUDENT MIKASA, YOU'RE THE TOP STU-DENT, SO YOU DON'T NEED TO DO THESE KIND OF THINGS, JUST ORGANIZE US.
THEN, WE NEED TO START SETTING UP!
THERE NEEDS TO BE A SIDE DISH FOR EVERY PERSON
LINE IT UP WITH THE OTHER TRAYS...
THANKS FOR THE FOOD~!

WITHIN THE NEW NAVY, NO MATTER WHAT SEAT NUMBER, YOU ARE ASSIGNED A SHARE OF WORK
BASED ON YOUR ABILITIES. DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR PLACE CAN'T BE CHANGED?
OUR ORIGINAL PLACES ARE ALL CHOSEN WITHOUT OUR SAY, RIGHT?
YEP, IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THAT WAY.
OH I SEE. SO EVERYONE ELSE IS JUST USED TO IT
ALSO, THE THING THAT WORRIES ME THE MOST IS THAT IT DECIDES YOUR FUTURE JOB.
THE ACADEMY SPLITS ITS WORST JOBS AMONGST THOSE WITH THE LOWEST SCORES NATURALLY
THAT'S, TRUE BUT...
THE JOB OF THE TOP STUDENT IS "TO BRING ABOUT UNIFICATION", RIGHT?
I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND IT WELL...

BUT THAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT JOB OF ALL FOR YOU.
AH, DON'T OVER THINK IT. THIS PLACE ISN'T LIKE OTHER SCHOOLS. YOU'LL GET USED TO IT SOON.
AND WHAT JOB IS THAT...?
BESIDES, AS THE SECOND SEAT, I HAVE TO DO MY JOB TOO. DON'T WORRY.
"THE TOP STUDENT'S AID" OF COURSE!
!

ALRIGHT! THIS MORNING WE WILL DO A REVIEW OF THE NORMAL SUBJECTS,
AND THIS AFTERNOON WILL BE A REVIEW OF STRATEGIC SCIENCES.
USE YOUR "SYNOPSIS OF THE ART OF WAR" TEXTBOOK AND YOUR MAPS!
ガヤ..
MOST OF YOU ARE ALUMNI OF THE ELEMENTARY GROUP. BUT
EVEN FOR YOU, THIS IS PROBABLY THE FIRST TIME THAT YOU'VE LEARNED THIS KIND OF STUFF.
AND THAT'S WHY THE TEST ISN'T TODAY!
ネボー

BECAUSE I'M GOING TO GIVE THE SAME TEST. THE QUESTIONS ARE HARD AS ALL HELL!
I DON'T THINK SO...
Wha~?!
WELL, THAT'S UNFORTUNATE. IF IT'S STRATEGIC SCIENCES, THEN STUDENT MIKASA SHOULD BREEZE RIGHT THROUGH THIS, RIGHT?
HA HA! I SEE EVERYONE'S HAPPY ABOUT THAT, HUH?
DON'T WORRY. EVERYONE CAN WORK TOGETHER FOR NOW.
EHHHH?!!
THIS CHART SHOULD HELP, AS THE STRATEGIC SCIENCES HAVE QUITE A LOT OF SUB TOPICS
"APPLICATION AND PRACTICES OF SAILING", "SEA-FARING AND ARTILLERY" AND "LEADERSHIP" YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND THESE THREE...
MOREOVER, IN THOSE TOPICS WE HAVE EVEN MORE CATEGORIES TO COMPREHEND.

USUALLY I JUST TEACH YOUR LEADER-SHIP CLASSES. BUT,
IN ACTUALITY ALL OF YOUR CLASSES ARE CLOSELY RELATED TO EACH OTHER.
EVERY CLASS IS REQUIRED TO JOIN THE NEW NAVY. BESIDES,
IN THE FUTURE, WE'LL NEED EXPERTS IN PARTICULAR FIELDS TO KEEP UP THE STANDARD.
FOR EACH OF YOU, BECOMING A SPECIALIST IS NECESSARY FOR SUCCESS, BUT...
FOR EACH AND EVERY PERSON IT IS SOMETHING TO REACH FOR.
YOU UNDER-STAND?
NOW, EVERYONE, PLEASE DO THESE WORKSHEETS BY FILLING OUT THE EMPTY SPACES. USING THE TEXT-BOOK IS ALLOWED.
TOMORROW HOWEVER, YOU'LL ANSWER THE SAME QUESTIONS WITHOUT THE HELP OF YOUR TEXTBOOK.
YOUR TIME STARTS NOW!

WHAT DOES THIS WORD MEAN?
YOU MEAN "Doctrine"
LOOK IT UP IN THE TEXTBOOK.
WHAT IS THIS QUESTION EVEN ASKING?
AH, THAT ONE...
HEY! ISN'T THIS WRONG?
WHERE?
THIS ISN'T A SHIP BUILDING CLASS.
WHAT'S WITH THIS "DEFINITION OF A BATTLESHIP"?
THE NUMBER OF CANNONS AND THE AMOUNT OF DRAINAGE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT, LOOK AT THE DEFINITIONS
"REQUIRED FOR MARITIME MOVING GUNS" SHOULD BE THE ANSWER, RIGHT?
THE FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD THESE TERMS
THIS IS MY FIRST REAL CLASS...
I DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND THE QUESTIONS BEING ASKED.

I DON'T EVEN HAVE A CLUE AS TO WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT...
WH-WHY DO YOU ASK ME ...?

EHH?!
HEY, STUDENT MIKASA! WHAT DO YOU THINK?

AH, OKAY... THOSE TWO, HUH
ERRM. UMMM ....
YOU HAVE TO PICK BETWEEN THESE TWO.
AREN'T YOU THE TOP STUDENT?

YEP, THAT'S WHAT I FIGURED.
THE QUESTION WAS ABOUT THESE TWO, RIGHT? THAT ONE'S BETTER

.....

!
IN THIS INSTANCE, I THINK THE MOVEABLE GUNS WOULD BE BEST.

WHAT'S UP STUDENT MIKASA? STARING INTO SPACE?
FEELING LIKE YOU'RE BEING LEFT BEHIND, RIGHT?
...PROFESSOR YOSHINO
YEAH, KINDA.
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TO DO.
STUDENT HATSUSE SEEMS TO BE MORE RELIABLE THAN ME...

STUDENT HATSUSE, HUH? I SUPPOSE ...
HE WAS THE TOP STUDENT EVER SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
HE'S GOT A GREAT PRESENCE AMONG THE CLASS.
THAT'S LONG..
STUDENT HATSUSE!
ROOM 1700 STUDENT BOARDING HOUSE

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YO! STUDENT MIKASA!
GOOD JOB TODAY. WORKED HARD, HUH?
AH... UMMM
ABOUT TOMORROW'S MILITARY ARTS TRAINING THING...
THE MEDIATOR IS THE TOP STUDENT, ME. BUT
I THINK YOU'D DO A BETTER JOB THAN ME, STUDENT HATSUSE.
WHEN IT COMES TO MILITARY TACTICS YOU'RE BETTER THAN ME AND EVERYONE TRUSTS YOU...
BESIDES, YOU WANT TO BE THE TOP STUDENT DON'T YOU?
I'LL BACK YOU UP, SO
I'LL LEAVE THAT JOB TO...
I REFUSE!

I HELPED YOU TODAY AS THE SECOND SEAT SHOULD HELP THE TOP STUDENT.
I'M JUST CARRYING OUT THE DUTY THAT I'VE BEEN CHARGED WITH!
AND YOU HAD BETTER DO THE SAME WITH YOUR DUTIES!
BU-BUT YOU'VE BEEN DOING MY DUTIES EVER SINCE THE BEGINNING!
EVERYONE'S RELYING ON YOU AND NOT ME...!
EVE-RYONE, HUH?
SO I SHOULD BE THE TOP STU-DENT?
AND YOU! HAVE YOU BEEN MISTAKEN THIS WHOLE TIME?!
!
HOW-EVER,
UNTIL I OFFICIALLY BECOME THE TOP STUDENT...
AS IT STANDS, THAT WON'T HAPPEN!

GOT IT?! THE TOP STUDENT'S JOB IS TO ACHIEVE THE BEST MARKS.
WHEN IT COMES TO STUDYING, I'M THE TOP STUDENT. NOT YOU!!
THE SECOND SEAT IS NOT FOR YOUR CONVE-NIENCE!
WHA-
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?! YOU NEARLY CLOSED THE DOOR ON MY NOSE!
THIS IS MY ROOM TOO YOU KNOW!!
You bastard!
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……

Second Seat
Hatsuse Tadanobu
Top Student
Mikasa Sanekiyo
OH YEAH.
OF COURSE
THIS IS MY DORM
.....

.....
GENERALLY, "MOVEMENT" AND ALSO "OPERATIONS" ARE FOUND IN THIS AREA.
FIRST, "PRE-EMPTING" IS TO FORE STALL THE ENEMY BY PREDICTING THEIR MOVE-MENTS.
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SECOND, "CONSTRAINT" IS TO BLACK OFF ANY OTHER ROUTE THAT THE ENEMY MAY TAKE TO CONTROL MOVEMENT.
THIRD, "COERCION" IS TO SHOW FORCE IN VIEW OF THE ENEMY TO SUPPRESS MOVEMENT.

FOURTH, "INTIMIDATION" AND ALSO "THREATS" FROM THE ENEMY INCUR THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT. WHERE WE, THE MILITARY, ARE ABLE TO USE FORCE AND ENGAGE THE ENEMY.
FIFTH, "INVITATION" IS TO SHOW FORCE TO INDICATE TO THE ENEMY THE SIZE OF OUR MILITARY FORCE.
SIXTH, "BLOCKING" IS TO SUPPRESS THE ENEMY'S MOVEMENTS TO A SINGLE SPOT.....

SEVENTH, "CONTACT" IS TALKING TO THE ENEMY NO MATTER HOW BAD THE FIGHTING IS.
EIGHTH, "CONFRONTATION" IS OPPOSING THE ENEMY AFTER CONTINUING HOSTILITIES.
NINTH, "PROGRESSION" IS MOVING FORWARD WITH REGARDS TO THE ENEMY.
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WYAAA!?
AH, YES...
IS THAT ALRIGHT WITH YOU, STUDENT MIKASA!?
GOOD MORNING EVERY-ONE!
LET'S START THE CLASS NOW!
HUH? SO THIS POINT IS EITHER..
"STRATE-GIC MAPPING POINT" OR "STRATEGIC SETTLING POINT"?
AND THIS GOES LIKE THIS ..?
DON'T YOU REMEMBER?
WELL I THINK..
OI, HATSUSE
WE'RE HEADING OUT TO OBSERVE ONE OF OUR TRAINING WARSHIPS IN ACTION THIS AFTERNOON, BUT IT'S TIME FOR CLASS-WORK NOW!
SO AS I EXPLAINED YESTER-DAY,

THIS SHOULD BE CALLED THE "END POINT"
OK.
SO WHAT ABOUT THIS BIT?
THAT BIT IS OKAY.
AND THAT BIT'S DONE.
NOW FOR THIS SEC-TION ...

DON'T TELL ME...
STUDENT MIKASA.
HM?
... HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
IN A SINGLE NIGHT...
YOU MEMO-RIZED ALL OF THAT?!
AH, YEAH!
LET ME SEE...
HEY, STUDENT MIKASA, A LITTLE HELP?
...THIS GUY
HE ISN'T JOKING...

KOUTO PROVINCE - TSUKIJI CITY. NEW NAVY ACADEMY, OCEAN GATE
TRAINING SHIP, THE "FUTABA"
HNNN
YOU HAVE FREE TIME UNTIL 14:30, DIS-MISSED!

OHH!! AWE-SOME!
WHAT A BRIL-LIANT VIEW!
SO HERE'S THE ASSEM-BLY?
YO! STUDENT MIKASA!
YO! YOU CAME!
I KNEW IT; THIS PLACE HAS THE BEST VIEW!
REALLY? I THOUGHT THE MAST WOULD BE BETTER...?

YOU'RE WRONG, STUDENT MIKASA
WE AREN'T JUST TALKING ABOUT WHAT WE CAN SEE IN FRONT OF US!
THIS IS THE VIEW AS SEEN BY THE COMMANDER
THIS IS MERELY A TRAINING SHIP, IF YOU THINK OF LARGER SHIPS, THE ONES MADE FOR THE OPEN OCEANS OF THE WORLD... MUCH LARGER...
WON'T YOU FEEL LIKE THE COMMANDER OF AN ENTIRE FLEET!?

YOU REALLY DO FEEL LIKE YOU CAN GO ANYWHERE!
...IT'S TRUE!!
ON A BIG SHIP LIKE THIS...
WHAT'S UP, STUDENT HATSUSE?
...EH? WHAT?
15TH TOP STUDENT MIKASA!
IT'S LIKE HE CAN SEE EXACTLY WHAT I'M IMAGINING...
.....?
STU-DENT MIKA-SA...
RIGHT NOW...
O-I! TIME FOR ASSEM-BLY!!
IT'S TIME! EVERYONE MUST ASSEM-BLE ON THE DECK!
HE-HEY!
MIKA-SA!
AH, YES PROFES-SOR!

...AH!
NO-THING...
HM?
REALLY?
THANKS!!
...I'LL HELP TOO!
LET'S GO!
!
AND YOU ARE THE FIRST SEAT.
BECAUSE I'M THE SECOND SEAT,
NO WORRIES, IT'S MY JOB AFTER ALL.

HEY, STUDENT HATSUSE!
WHAT?
I HAVE ANOTHER FAVOUR TO ASK...
COULD YOU NOT TELL ANY-ONE ABOUT MY LAST MINUTE MIDNIGHT CRAMMING SESSION?
YOU REALLY MEMORIZED EVERYTHING AFTER CRAMMING FOR A SINGLE NIGHT!?
...STUB-BORN GUY.
ALRIGHT, I'LL STAY QUIET.

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Chapter 3 The New Navy Academy's Shrine

EARLY SUNDAY MORNING
NEW NAVY ACADEMY STUDENT DORMS
URGHH...
ARE YOU HUNGRY?
WHAT THE HELL, IT'S TOO EARLY! ISN'T IT STILL DARK?
I'M NOT LIKE YOU.
Hatsuse Tadanobu
Mikasa Sumekyo
SINCE WE'RE ALLOWED OUT I'M GOING TO MY BROTHER'S HOUSE!!
I'M GOING TO WASH MY FACE
TODAY'S THE DAY I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR OUR DAY OFF!!
...AND I ONLY JUST GOT TO SLEEP...

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I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR-EVER!
FUAA!!
IT'S FINALLY MY DAY OFF, SINCE I'VE CAME HERE...
BESIDES, WHAT'S UP WITH PUTTING THE FIRST AND SECOND SEATS IN THE SAME ROOM, IT'S THE WORST!
IN THE CLASSROOM, IN THE CAFETERIA, ALL I SEE IS STUDENT HATSUSE'S FACE AND I'M GETTING A LITTLE SICK OF IT.
HHH I JUST WANNA GO BACK TO MY BROTHER'S HOUSE!!
HEY, YOU...

EH?
THOSE EARS, AND THAT TAIL... YOU'RE THE OINAIAN?
IN OTHER WORDS, THE 15TH TOP STUDENT?
Y-YES ..?
TWO STRIPES ON HIS SLEEVE.
A SENIOR, HUH?
YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE COMING HERE.
EH? EH?!
THERE HE IS!
IT'S THE OINAIAN FROM THE YEAR BELOW!
TO BE AWAKE AT SUCH A TIME, THERE'S NO MISTAKE IT'S HIM!
W-WHAT'S WRONG, SEMPAIS?

C'MON, WAIT WILL YOU?
THERE'S NO REAL EVIDENCE TO SAY HE'S ACTUALLY THE CULPRIT, RIGHT?
WE'RE TRYING TO FIGURE THAT OUT!
OH REALLY?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M SEEING.
I MEAN, DO YOU REALLY NEED THAT MANY PEOPLE IF YOU'RE JUST GOING TO ASK QUESTIONS?
BESIDES, THE TOP STUDENT OF OUR COHORT —IN OTHER WORDS, ME— IS QUITE CAPABLE OF CONTROLLING THE 15TH TOP STUDENT.
WILL YOU GUYS LEAVE THIS TO ME?
AHH.. I'M NOT FOLLOWING A SINGLE WORD OF THIS..

U-UMM... THANK YOU VERY MUCH...
WAS I JUST SAVED... FROM SOME-THING??
UMMM...
F-FINE! YOU HANDLE IT.
THEN, GO BACK TO YOUR ROOMS!
NO PROB-LEM
THOSE GUYS ARE ALWAYS LIKE THAT TO PEOPLE LIKE US.
15TH TOP STUDENT... AND YOUR ACTUAL NAME IS?
MIKASA SANEKIYO!
STUDENT MIKASA,
I AM THE 14TH TOP STUDENT,
YASHIMA FUMIYUKI

BL-
BLONDE ...?
...HUH?
IS THIS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE EVER SEEN A SHIOMIAN?
PEOPLE FROM SHIOMI REALLY DO HAVE BLONDE HAIR! THAT'S SO RARE!
AMAZING
YOU'RE ONE TO TALK; TAILS AND CAT EARS ARE EVEN MORE RARE, MORON!
Is... is that so?
BE CAREFUL,
BESIDES, THIS PLACE HAS BEEN ALMOST EXCLUSIVE TO PEOPLE OF AKITSU DECENT, SO WE STICK OUT LIKE LANDMARKS,
THE PEOPLE AROUND US .. EVERYONE ELSE IS AN ENEMY.
IN OTHER WORDS WE ARE...

...OUR ONLY ALLIES IN THE WHOLE ACADEMY.
AH, UMM...
.....
THE PEOPLE AROUND US
ARE OUR ENEMY ?
PROFESSOR OFFICE
PLEASE EXCUSE MY INTRUSION!

PROFESSOR YOSHINO!
THE 14TH TOP STUDENT, YASHIMA FUMIYUKI
REQUESTS TO SPEAK WITH YOU!
OH? STUDENT YASHIMA? WHAT'S UP?
DURING LIGHTS OUT, A PROBLEM AROSE,
IN ORDER TO FOCUS ON REFLECTING ON WHAT THEY HAVE DONE, I WISH TO USE THE POWER GIVEN TO THE TOP STUDENTS TO PROHIBIT ALL THOSE WHO WERE ALLOWED OUT TODAY FROM DOING SO IN THE FUTURE.
THE DETAILS ARE WRITTEN HERE ON THIS APPLICATION...
SO THIS IS A TRAINING SWORD OF THE TRADITIONAL DIVISION... HUH?
PROOF OF A TOP STUDENT!
HOWEVER, IT'S PROHIBITED TO BRING SUCH A THING INTO THE PROFESSORS' OFFICES
!

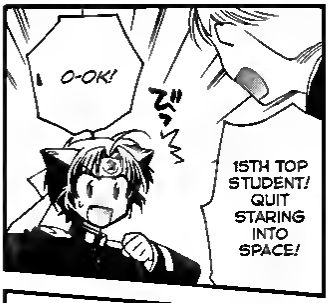
!!
ANYWAY, I CAN'T FIND A REALLY BIG REASON TO DO SO...
BUT TODAY WAS THE NEW TOP STUDENT'S VERY FIRST DAY OFF.
I... I APOLOGISE.
I WENT TO THE SUSPECT TO PLACE THESE PERSONAL SANCTIONS ON HIM AND TO MAKE THE DETAILS A LITTLE CLEARER...
? OF COURSE!
THE FIRST DIVISION OF MY YEAR LEVEL ARE IN ABSOLUTE DISARRAY BECAUSE OF THIS.
STUDENT YASHIMA
...WHAT'S WRONG, PROFESSOR?
ARE THE DETAILS OF THIS REPORT ACCURATE?
IT'S TRUE THAT HE WOKE UP MUCH EARLIER THAN ANYONE ELSE THIS MORNING...
THE 15TH TOP STUDENT MIKASA.
OH? YOU HAVE A SUSPECT?
.....

PROFESSOR YOSHINO...
HM?
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
ALRIGHT, I APPROVE.
LET'S DO IT YOUR WAY
THAT THE 15TH TOP STUDENT WAS AN OINAIAN?
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?
AT THE VERY LEAST, I COULD HAVE STOPPED THIS WHOLE FARCE BY BEING TOLD OF HIS ORIGINS BEFORE THE REST OF THOSE AKITSU IDIOTS
DID I HAVE TO...?
YES! THIS MORNING WAS THE FIRST I KNEW OF THIS!

IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'RE ANGRY THAT EVERYONE ELSE KNEW AND NOT YOURSELF?
STUDENT YASHIMA,
ISN'T IT BECAUSE,
YOU DON'T LISTEN TO YOUR CLASSMATES, NOR SPEAK TO THEM?
!
THAT'S-
AH!
THAT'S BECAUSE IT'S POINTLESS.

I HAVE NO PLANS TO BE FRIENDS WITH ANY OF THEM.
THAT'S THE TRUE POWER OF THE TSUSHIMA NAVY,
I AM THE HEAD OF THE FIRST DIVISION, AND THEY WILL OBEY ME!
I APOLOGISE FOR MY OUTBURST,
EXCUSE ME!
OI!
STUDENT YASHIMA!
GEEZ
....BUT THIS INCIDENT...

HOW SHOULD I HANDLE THIS ONE?


O-OK!
15TH TOP STUDENT! QUIT STARING INTO SPACE!

MIKASA, WHAT DID YOU DO TO THE HEAD OF THE 1ST DIVISION?
BUT, FOR SOME REASON, HE'S BEEN GRUMPY SINCE MORNING... RIGHT?
AH, NOTH-ING...

NAVY ACADEMY SHRINE
ALRIGHT, I WANT YOU GUYS TO LINE UP!
EVERYONE'S HERE, RIGHT!?

WELL, IT'S PROBABLY
JUST THE FACT THAT I'M AN OINAIAN.
.....
15TH TOP STU-DENT! SHUT UP!
OK!
RIGHT.
NORMALLY, TODAY WOULD BE OUR 1ST YEAR WELCOMING PARTY, AS IT IS CUSTOMARY, HOWEVER,
UNFORTUNATELY, THIS TIME, A PROBLEM OCCURRED
THIS MORNING SOMEONE BROKE INTO THE HAVY'S SHRINE!
THE NAVY'S SHRINE'S SHINTAI* HOLDS THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN BATTLE AND IS THE SHRINE THAT SERVES ALL OF KOUTO.
THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED TO THE SHRINE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE HAVY'S INVOLVEMENT HERE.

*T/N: A SHINTAI IS AN OBJECT HOUSED IN A SHINTO SHRINE THAT HOLDS THE SPIRIT OF THE DEITY OF THAT PARTICULAR SHRINE

I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A FANCY HOUSEHOLD SHRINE.
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT THAT PLACE HAD SUCH A HISTORY.
OHHH!
WHOA!!
.....?
.....
SECOND SEAT... YOUR NAME!?
FIRST YEAR,
LISTEN UP, STUDENT HATSUSE.
FIF-15TH SECOND SEAT, HATSUSE TADANOBU... SIR

SPEAKING AMONGST YOURSELVES WHILE YOUR SUPERIOR OFFICERS AND SENIOR STUDENTS ARE TALKING IS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED!
FIX YOUR ATTITUDE AND SHUT UP!
BACK TO MY SPEECH!
THE NAVY'S SHRINE IS A SYMBOL OF OUR FIGHTING SPIRIT...
AND THIS CONTEMPTIBLE INCIDENT IS A DISHONOUR FOR ALL OF YOU!
AND SO, FOR THIS INCIDENT, EVERYONE WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY.
FROM TODAY, OUTINGS ARE PROHIBITED! YOU'RE ALL UNDER HOUSE ARREST AND CONFINED TO YOUR ROOMS!
EH...
THUD...
EEHH-HHH--?!
NOT ALLOWED OUTSIDE?!?
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO SHUT UP!!
GULP
THAT'S UNFAIR!

UNDER MY JURISDICTION A THE HEAD OF THE FIRST DIVISION, AND THE AUTHORIZATION OF A PROFESSOR!
WE DON'T NEED YOUR CONSENT,
IT HAS ALREADY BEEN DECIDED!
I DON'T AGREE WITH THIS PUNISHMENT!
WHY IT IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY?! YOU SHOULD BE PUNISHING THE PERPETRATOR!!
OF COURSE, BUT WE DON'T HAVE A SUSPECT!
INSTEAD OF THIS, HOW ABOUT PUNISHING THE CULPRIT FIRST?!
EH?
SUSPECT?! I KNOW EXACTLY WHO IT IS!
IT'S THAT OINAIAN, OBVIOUSLY!!

EEEEEEEEH ?!
WHY MEEE?!
THIS MORNING YOU GOT UP BEFORE ANYONE ELSE, THERE'S PROOF!
HO-HOW'S THAT PROOF?
THERE'S NO WAY AN AKITSU WOULD DESECRATE A SHRINE!
AND SO...
YOU THINK IT WAS ME THIS MORNING?!
IT'S A MISUNDER-STANDING!! I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!!
IF YOU INVESTI-GATE...
AH.....

I CAN SEE IT...
Going to give excuses, huh?
Of course it's him
This is why I don't trust Oinalans
It's all his fault that we can't go outside
He should just hurry up and confess
SUSPICION
DOUBT
HOSTILITY...
"EVERYONE AROUND US -"
"IS AN ENEMY."

..O! STUDENT MIKASA!
DON'T DEFY THOSE AKITSU, JUST DO WHAT THEY SAY!
IF YOU GO AGAINST THE FIRST DIVISION, EVEN I WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP THEM!
.....!
No one
believes me
STILL STICKING TO YOUR STORY?
JUST ADMIT YOUR GUILT ALREADY!
EVERYONE...
JUST WANTS TO BLAME ME...
If I say it's a lie, then at least this guy
will help me, maybe...

TRULY,
IT WASN'T ME!!
I DIDN'T DO IT!!
WHATEVER YOU GUYS SAY –
FOR SOME-THING LIKE THIS
I WON'T LOSE, BIG BROTHER!!
DON'T LET THE TRUTH OF THIS PLACE HURT YOU.
DON'T LOSE TO THEM.

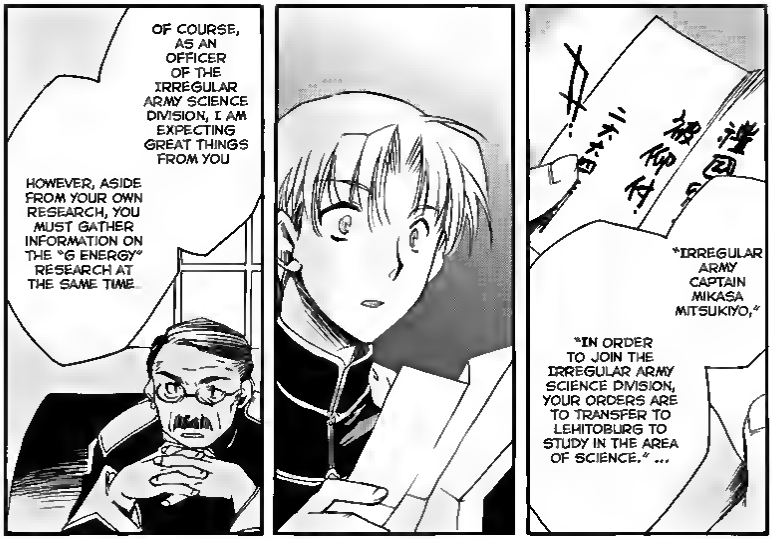
..... IDIOT!
DON'T SPEAK TO US SENIORS IN SUCH A RUDE WAY!
WHAT A PAIN IN THE ASS.
BASTARD, STILL PLAYING INNOCENT!
IF-
IF YOU WANT TO HIT ME, GO AHEAD!!
BUT, THESE ARE REALLY FALSE ACCUSA-TIONS!
PLEASE WAIT.
!
ISN'T THIS ALL VERY ONE-SIDED?

WHAT'S WITH YOU?! SECOND SEATS SHOULDN'T BUTT IN!
YOU'RE AN AKITSU, RIGHT? WHY'RE YOU PROTECTING THE OINAIAN?!
"WHY", HUH
HE JUST SAID THAT HE DIDN'T DO IT.
STUDENT HATSUSE! IF YOU ARE RESISTING AGAINST US, THE FIRST DIVISION, THEN YOU ARE CHARGED WITH THE SAME OFFENSE!
Ugh
ARE YOU PREPARED?
STUDENT HATSUSE...
.....!

EVERYONE, TAKE A STEP BACK!
OI! WILL YOU STOP!
...AH
PROFES-SOR YOSHINO
ACCORDING TO THE REPORT SITTING IN MY OFFICE
EVERYONE SHOULD BE CONFINED TO THEIR ROOMS, RIGHT?
AND I'M NOT SEEING THAT, AM I?
.....
EHHHHH!?
EVERYONE, DISMISSED!!
STAY IN YOUR ROOMS UNTIL 17:00!

TSUSHIMA, KOUTO CITY
SANOU HILL
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
I AM IRREGULAR ARMY CAPTAIN MIKASA MITSUKIYO!
AH, CAPTAIN MIKASA, I APOLOGISE FOR CALLING YOU OUT SO SUDDENLY
PLEASE SIT.
YES SIR.
WELL, CAPTAIN MIKASA
EVERYTHING SAID FROM HERE ON, IS ABSOLUTELY TOP SECRET...

Die Forschung der 'G' Energie
"RESEARCH INTO THE 'G' ENERGY"...?
THIS IS...?
HUH..?
BUT UNFORTUNATELY, MY BACKGROUND DOESN'T HAVE A LOT TO DO WITH THE FIELD OF SCIENCE...
I WANT YOU TO GO OVER THESE NOTES.
IT'S IMPORTANT TECHNOLOGY FROM LEHITOBURG
WITH THAT SAID, THE RESEARCH ITSELF IS STILL IN ITS INFANCY.
THESE ARE YOUR NEW ORDERS AND CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE.
AH! I APOLOGISE. THIS IS ALL I CAN SAY.


OF COURSE, AS AN OFFICER OF THE IRREGULAR ARMY SCIENCE DIVISION, I AM EXPECTING GREAT THINGS FROM YOU
HOWEVER, ASIDE FROM YOUR OWN RESEARCH, YOU MUST GATHER INFORMATION ON THE "G ENERGY" RESEARCH AT THE SAME TIME.
"IRREGULAR ARMY CAPTAIN MIKASA MITSUKIYO,"
"IN ORDER TO JOIN THE IRREGULAR ARMY SCIENCE DIVISION, YOUR ORDERS ARE TO TRANSFER TO LEHITOBURG TO STUDY IN THE AREA OF SCIENCE." ...

FIRST OF ALL, I WANT YOU TO GO TO THE ARMY'S SCIENCE BUILDING AND MEET ONE OF THE RESEARCHERS.
HE WILL TELL YOU THE DETAILS.

T/N *UTSUNOMIYA IS A CITY IN JAPAN WHERE DURING THE MEIJI RESTORATION A BATTLE ENSUED AS THE SHOGUNATE TRIED TO FLEE NORTH TO AIZU*

REALLY? AWESOME!
HM? YEAH.
...HUH? BUT CAPTAIN MIKASA IS AN... AKITSU RIGHT?
AH...
I SEE.
.....WE'RE NOT RELATED BY BLOOD,
I WAS ADOPTED INTO THE MIKASA FAMILY.
IT'S NOT A LIE
YOU ARE TRULY MY LITTLE BROTHER.
BUT,
BIG BROTHER MITSUKIYO IS THE COOLEST PERSON IN THE WORLD.
HE.... HE'S THE BEST BIG BROTHER.

STUDENT MIKASA!
I'M COMING IN!
Gasp!
I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!
STUDENT YASHIMA!
LIFT THE BAN ON GOING OUTSIDE!
MY BROTHER IS WAITING FOR --!
YOU MORON!! DO YOU NOT UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION YOU'RE IN?!
GYA?!

ALL OF THE AKITSU STUDENTS WANT YOU EXPELLED FROM THE ACADEMY!
AND THEN THERE'S THE FIRST DIVISION WHOM YOU CONFRONTED!
EVERYONE IS AFTER YOU BECAUSE OF THE BAN. YOU HAVE TO KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN.
EXPELLED?!
WHY?!
WHY? THOSE GUYS DON'T REALLY CARE.
I, A SHIOMIAN
YOU, AN OINAIAN.
AND 'THEM', THE AKITSU, ARE ALL DIFFERENT!
I DON'T BELIEVE THAT!
WE'RE THE SAME, MIKASA AND I AND --
NO.

WE'RE NOT THE SAME, STUDENT HATSUSE.
YOU MAY NOT... HAVE WORRIED ABOUT SUCH THINGS BEFORE THIS, BUT
I SUPPOSE, WE REALLY ARE VERY DIFFERENT.
MIKASA ...
STUDENT HATSUSE
AN AKITSU LIKE YOU WILL PROBABLY NEVER UNDER-STAND.
ANYWAY
A HIGHER RANKING SENIOR HAS ENTERED YOUR ROOM. AT LEAST OFFER TEA OR SOMETHING.

PERHAPS,
THIS INCIDENT'S REAL MOTIVE
WAS TO TRAP YOU IN ORDER TO GET RID OF YOU.
EHHH?!
I DON'T THINK THEY WOULD DO THAT, RIGHT?
OH REALLY? I THINK THAT THEY WOULD MOST DEFINITELY DO THAT.
BUT, I DON'T THINK THAT THEY WOULD SINK THAT LOW...
STUDENT MIKASA!

I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE THAT EVERYONE ELSE IS OUR ENEMY!
DON'T BELIEVE IN THEM.
IT'S ONE OF DOCTRINES OF THE TSUSHIMA NAVY, "TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY, LIVE."
BUT EVERYONE HERE IS AN AKITSU!
ABSOLUTELY DON'T LOSE FOCUS! WATCH EVERY STEP YOU TAKE.
I...
I DON'T...

I DON'T THINK THAT WAY!!
WE'RE DIFFERENT... IT IS TRUE THAT THE OINAIAN AND THE AKITSU ARE DIFFERENT, BUT
WE ARE ALSO NOT ENEMIES.
WE MAY NOT BE BLOOD RELATIVES, BUT
YOU ARE MY LITTLE BROTHER.
I WILL NEVER THINK THAT WAY!!

EH? BUT
THEY SAID THAT IT HAD BEEN "DESECRATED" WHICH MEANS DESTROYED...
DESTROYED?
THE NAVY'S SHRINE HASN'T BEEN BROKEN ANY-WHERE.
ANYWAY ABOUT THAT HOUSEHOLD SHRINE, I MEAN THE NAVY'S SHRINE,
IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT, ISN'T IT? AND THE SENIORS SAID THAT IT HAD BEEN DESTROYED, RIGHT?
NO, THOSE WHO WERE ON DUTY
SAID THAT THE O-DANGO* THEY PLACED OUT AS AN OFFERING JUST DISAPPEARED.....
EH?!
*T/N O-DANGO ARE JAPANESE DUMPLINGS
S-STUDENT HATSUSE...
Aha ha
YOU... THESE O-DANGO...
WHERE DID YOU GET THEM FROM?!

PROFESSOR'S OFFICES
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はははは
ははは
PROFES-SOR!!
Hey
N-NO, I'M SORRY. LET ME CATCH MY BREATH...!! A HA HA HA HA HA!!
HA HA, SO YOU'RE SAYING,
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, STUDENT HATSUSE WAS SO HUNGRY THAT HE FOUND THE O-DANGO THAT WAS PLACED AS AN OFFERING, AND... ATE THEM?!
WHEN THEY SAID THEY THE SHRINE HAD BEEN BROKEN INTO, I THOUGHT IT HAD BEEN DESTROYED, I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS ABOUT THE O-DANGO
I-I'M SO VERY SORRY!!

AND THEN... THE REMAINING O-DANGO THAT HE DIDN'T EAT THAT NIGHT,
YOU TWO ATE THEM WITH HIM OVER TEA.
Aha...
!!!
I GOT IT. THEN, THAT'S THEN END OF THE INCIDENT
I'LL TALK TO EVERYONE.
STUDENT HATSUSE, I WANT AN ESSAY REFLECTING ON WHAT YOU'VE DONE!
Y-YES SIR!
IS IT GOING TO BE OK? NOW THE FIRST DIVISION IS GOING TO FIND OUT THAT STUDENT HATSUSE DID IT...
DON'T WORRY,
THEY WON'T GO AFTER HIM LIKE THEY DID YOU.
.....
ALRIGHT! DISMISSED! RETURN TO YOUR ROOMS!
YES!
STUDENT YASHIMA,

TODAY, IT SEEMS YOUR WAY OF DOING THINGS DIDN'T WORK,
HOWEVER...
NO.
IT WENT PERFECTLY WELL.
E-VE-RY-ONE OBEYED MY DECISION!
I ENTRUST EVERYTHING TO YOU,
I'M EXPECTING GREAT THINGS FROM YOU GUYS.
EXCUSE ME!
...OH BOY,
THE 14TH AND 15TH TOP STUDENTS, CONSECUTIVE SEATS...

AH, CAPTAIN!
I'VE MADE YOU WAIT. THE TALK TOOK LONGER THAN I THOUGHT.
LET'S GO HOME
I APOLOGISE FOR TODAY.
IT'S OK!
EH? YOUR BROTHER... FROM THE OTHER DAY?
HE ENTERED THE NAVAL ACADEMY, RIGHT?
HOW UNFORTUNATE THAT YOU DIDN'T GET TO SEE HIM.
AHH
HOWEVER, THIS DID COME UP VERY SUDDENLY.
AHH.
I WAS SUPPOSED TO GO BACK TO THE ACADEMY TO SEE MY LITTLE BROTHER, BUT IN THE END I DIDN'T GET TO SEE HIM.
BUT, HE'S COMING OF AGE
HE'LL UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON.
.....
ABOUT WHAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT BEFORE

....EH?
THAT'S TYPICAL OF CAPTAIN MIKASA.
CONGRATULATIONS!
I AM GOING TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE SCIENCE DIVISION IN LEHITOBURG.
.....!
...AHH, I SEE.
AND I'M SURE THAT IT'LL BE THE SAME FOR YOU CAPTAIN MIKASA.
I'VE HEARD THAT ALL THOSE WHO HAVE GONE TO THAT PARTICULAR PLACE HAVE ALL BEEN ON THE "HIGHWAY TO SUCCESS"
.....
THE CAPTAIN ISN'T HAPPY ABOUT BEING TRANSFERRED?
HM.
I WAS THINKING SOMETHING DIFFERENT
NO. I AM.
IT WAS JUST A HUGE SHOCK

THIS WORLD, SO OBSCURE AND FILLED WITH YEARNING.
I FEEL HAS SUDDENLY BECOME QUITE VAST.
NOW I FEEL LIKE
THAT I HAVE FAILED TO SEE THE WORLD FOR WHAT IT IS.

IN THE END...
I WASN'T ALLOWED OUTSIDE.
MY BROTHER MUST BE WORRIED...
MIKASA...
UM... SORRY ABOUT TODAY. IT'S ALL MY FAULT.
YOU DIDN'T GET TO SEE YOUR BROTHER...
AND YOU GOT IN TROUBLE WITH THE SENIORS.
YEAH,
BUT,

WHEN I SAID THAT I DIDN'T DO IT,
AND YOU BELIEVED ME...
IT MADE ME HAPPY.
SO, LET'S JUST SAY THAT,
TODAY I HELPED YOU, AND YOU HELPED ME
OK!
....HEY MIKASA.
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THERE ARE STILL THINGS THAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
THAT AKITSUS AND OINAIANS HAVE DIFFERENCES...
WE AREN'T THE SAME,
BUT

WE CAN STILL BE FRIENDS, RIGHT?
...AL-RIGHT!

Yoshima Fumiyuki
15TH TOP STUDENT MIKASA SANEKIYO... HUH,
BECAUSE HE IS AN OINAIAN I THOUGHT HE MIGHT...
BUT IT SEEMS I OVERESTI-MATED HIM.
I KNEW IT.
THE ONLY PERSON I CAN RELY ON IN THIS WHOLE ACADEMY IS MYSELF.

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Chapter 4
An Imperial Visit

MIKASA SANE-KIYO!
HATSUSE TADANOBU!
WHERE HAVE THEY GONE?! DOES ANYONE KNOW!?
...GOD.
RECENTLY, THE DISCIPLINE OF THE NAVY ACADEMY OF THE GLORIOUS NATION OF TSUSHIMA HAS BECOME A FARCE.
AND THAT'S BECAUSE THERE ARE STUDENTS HERE WHO ARE NOT OF THE EXCELLENT AKITSU DESCENT!

PHEW
HEY!
GOT OUT WITHOUT BEING SEEN?
YEAH,
BUT, HATSUSE, ARE YOUR SOURCES RIGHT?

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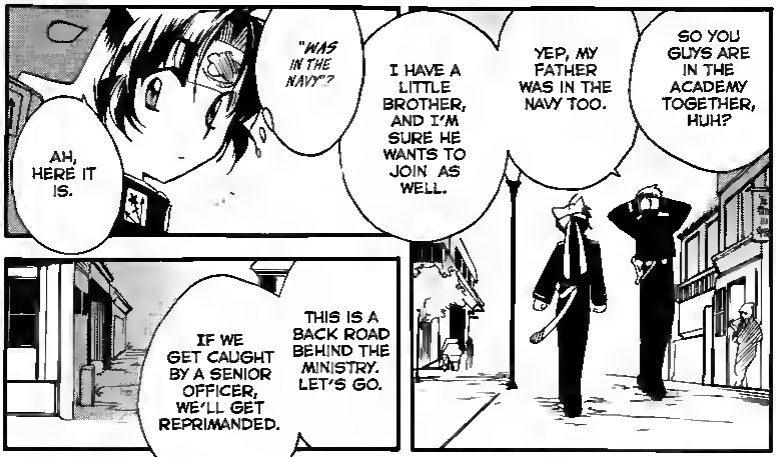
TODAY'S THE DAY THAT THE EMPRESS VISITS THE NAVAL MINISTRY.
OF COURSE!
MY OLDER BROTHER IS A NAVAL FIRST LIEUTENANT AND IS CURRENTLY STATIONED THERE FOR TODAY.
I HEARD IT ALL FROM HIM, SO NO LIES.
BESIDES, OUR ESCAPE ROUTE WAS DEVISED BY MY BROTHER AS WELL.


SO YOU GUYS ARE IN THE ACADEMY TOGETHER, HUH?
YEP, MY FATHER WAS IN THE NAVY TOO.
I HAVE A LITTLE BROTHER, AND I'M SURE HE WANTS TO JOIN AS WELL.
"WAS IN THE NAVY"?
AH, HERE IT IS.
THIS IS A BACK ROAD BEHIND THE MINISTRY. LET'S GO.
IF WE GET CAUGHT BY A SENIOR OFFICER, WE'LL GET REPRIMANDED.

I KNEW IT. WE SHOULD STOP NOW!!
NOT GET SEEN, AND GO BACK!!
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU? WE'VE GOTTEN THIS FAR!!
Y-YEAH. THE NAVY MINISTRY WILL BE FILLED WITH OFFICERS,
AND WE'RE STILL WEARING THE ACADEMY'S UNIFORM, SO WE STICK OUT...
.....
IT WAS YOU THAT SAID YOU WANTED TO SEE!
WE WON'T GET ANOTHER CHANCE TO SEE HER MAJESTY AGAIN!
WELL, YEAH, I DID SAY THAT...
I'VE SEEN PHOTOS IN THE NEWSPAPER AND STUFF...
THAT'S NOTHING, PHOTOS AREN'T THE REAL THING!
WE HAVEN'T PROPERLY SEEN HER AT ALL!
THE EMPRESS IS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE PARLIAMENT AND THE SUPREME LEADER OF THE ARMY,
AND ACTUALLY, SHE RUNS THE GOVERNMENT, THE ARMY, AND NAVY ALL BY HERSELF...
I'VE KNOWN THAT FOREVER,
THAT'S WHY I'M BECOMING AN OFFICER.

IN THE FUTURE, I WILL HAVE TO DECLARE MY LOYALTY TO SOMEONE,
AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE THE RIGHT PERSON.

I'LL GO BY MYSELF! YOU GO BACK!
W...WAIT!! HATSUSE, I'M COMING!
I'M COMING TOO!!

THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS!!
SKIPPING CLASSES! WHAT THE HELL ARE THEY THINKING?!
PROFESSORS' OFFICES
OK, OK, PROFESSOR OSHIMA.
WHEN I WAS A STUDENT EVEN I WOULD SKIP A CLASS OR TWO, I CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY'RE FEELING.
PROFESSOR YOSHINO, I AM TALKING ABOUT THAT OINAIAN!
IF HE WERE A "NORMAL" STUDENT, I WOULD NOT BE AS BOTHERED AS I AM!!
.....HUH?
I WAS AGAINST ALLOWING SHIOMIAN AND OIANIAN STUDENTS TO GO TO THIS ACADEMY FROM THE BEGINNING!
IF YOU ARE NOT AN AKITSU, THEN YOU WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND THE VALUES OF THIS ACADEMY!!

ACCORDING TO THE NIGHT-WATCH REPORT ON MONDAY, BOTH THE SHIOMIAN AND OINAIAN CAUSED AN UPROAR. DID THEY NOT?
NO! PLEASE READ IT MORE CAREFULLY.
IN THE END, IT WAS A MISUNDER-STANDING. THOSE TWO WERE ONLY CAUGHT UP IN IT!
"GOT CAUGHT UP"?
DON'T TRY TO MAKE IT SOUND LESS THAN IT IS! THE WHOLE DISTURBANCE WAS CAUSED BY THE FACT THAT THERE'S A FREAK AMONG THEM!
...WHA-?!
AND TODAY'S INCIDENT, BY MY REASONING, HAS BEEN CAUSED BY THIS OINAIAN GOADING THE SECOND SEAT INTO SKIPPING CLASS!
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW GOOD HIS GRADES MAY BE HE DOESN T HAVE THE TEMPERAMENT FOR THE NAVY!
WHY DO YOU GET TO DECIDE THAT?!

THOSE TWO ARE, IN THEIR YEAR LEVEL, THE BEST STUDENTS,
THEY ARE RESPECTABLE CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT COUNTRY OF TSUSHIMA!
SAYING THEY "DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TEMPERAMENT" IS JUST PREJUDICE!
PRO-FESSOR OSHIMA!
IF THEY KEEP DOING STUFF LIKE THIS, THEY'LL BECOME A BAD INFLUENCE ON OTHER STUDENTS!
WHAT PREJUDICE?! WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HOW THE FIRST TWO SEATS OF THE FIRST YEARS ARE CUR-RENTLY SKIPPING CLASSES, AREN'T WE?
TRYING TO REASON WITH YOU IS IMPOSSIBLE, PROFESSOR YOSHINO!
……!
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FROM HERE WE CAN SEE THE WHOLE FRONT ENTRANCE TO THE MINISTRY.
OHHH
THEY'RE LINED UP. SHE SHOULD BE HERE SOON, THEN.
IS IT TRUE THAT THE EMPRESS IS ONLY A YEAR OLDER THAN US?
HER CORONATION WAS 2 YEARS AGO, SO I THINK THAT'S TRUE.
AH! OI
SHE'S HERE!
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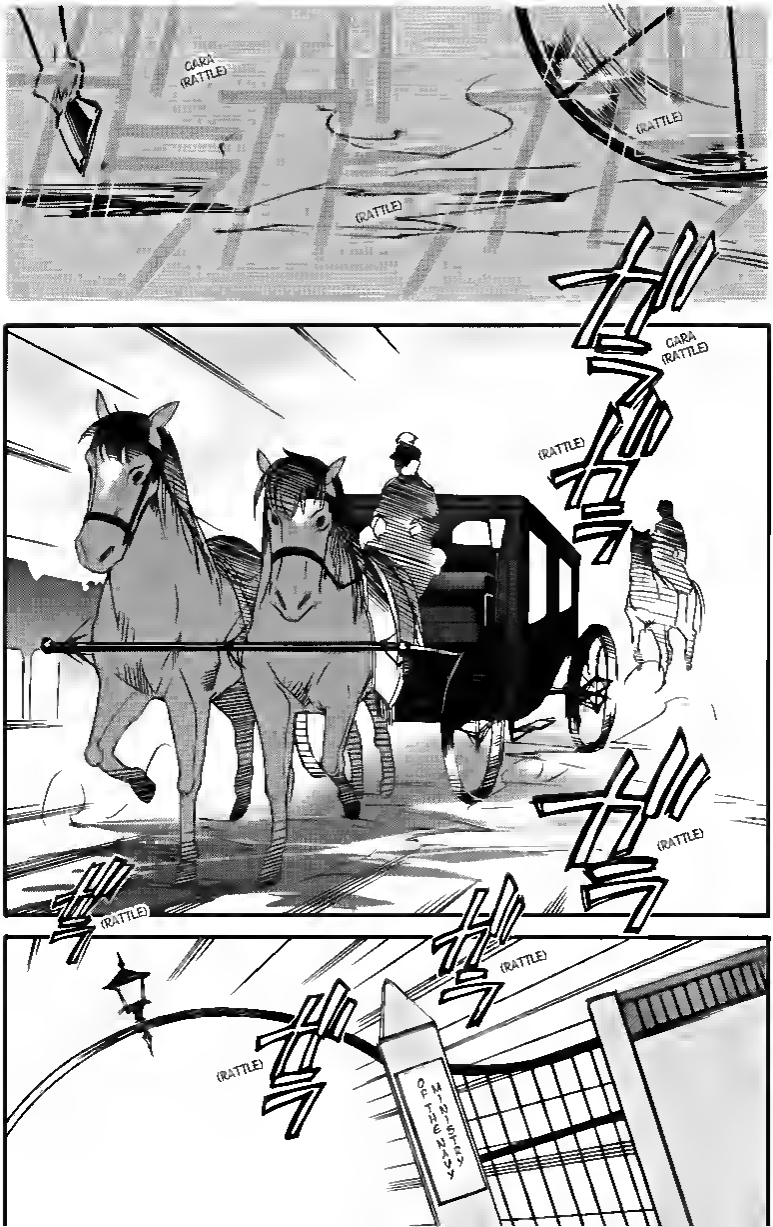
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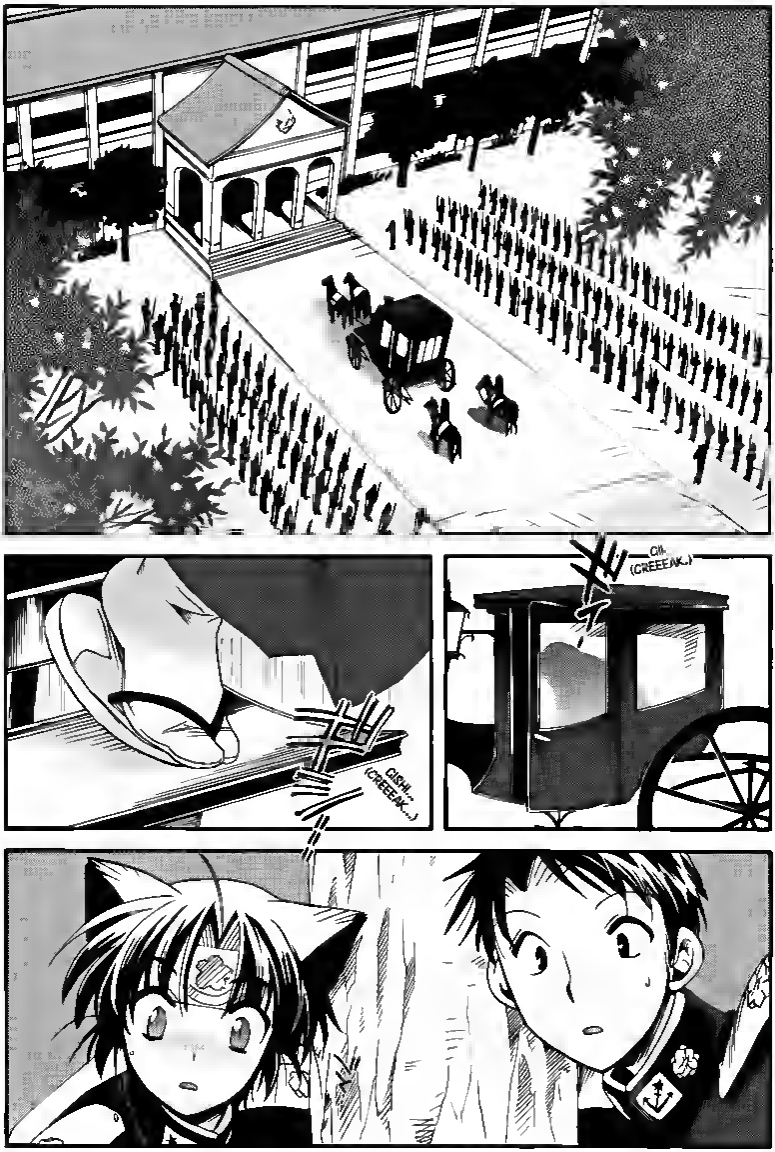
ARMS!!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...SHE'S
THE EMPRESS...
...SH-SHE'S PRETTIER IN REAL LIFE.
YEAH...

ALL RIIIIGHT !!!
GASH!! (GRAB!!)
LET'S BECOME THE BEST OFFICERS EVER!!
AND LET'S PROTECT HER AND TSUSHIMA!!
YEAH!!
WE'D BETTER HURRY UP AND GO BACK!!
BEFORE THEY REALISE WHAT WE'RE DOING!!

YOU IDIOTS!!
SKIPPING CLASS AND SNEAKING OUT OF THE ACADEMY. WHAT THE HELL WERE YOU THINKING?!
STUDENT HATSUSE! DID YOU THINK OF HOW MUCH THIS WOULD EMBARRASS YOUR FATHER AND BROTHER?!
PLAYING AROUND WITH THE OINAIAN AND NOT STUDYING!
EH....

NEVERTHELESS, 15TH TOP STUDENT! ARE YOU FINE WITH STUDENT HATSUSE SHOULDERING YOUR CRIMES AS WELL AS HIS OWN?!
WHA-
IT'S COMMENDABLE, HOWEVER, THINK ABOUT HOW THIS BENEFITS YOU AND WHO YOU WANT TO ASSOCIATE WITH!
YOU'RE PROTECTING HIM, AREN'T YOU STUDENT HATSUSE!
IT WAS ME WHO FORCED HIM TO DO THIS. IT'S NOT STUDENT MIKASA'S FAULT!
PROFESSOR OSHIMA, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT
PLEASE EXCUSE ME,
YOU CALLED FOR ME, PROFESSOR OSHIMA?
...STUDENT YASHIMA?!
SO YOU'RE HERE.
14TH TOP STUDENT?

I WANT TO TALK TO THE 14TH AND 15TH TOP STUDENTS ALONE.
SHUT UP, AND GO!
EH? BUT. .
STUDENT HATSUSE, GO BACK TO YOUR ROOM!
... I UNDER-STAND.
EXCUSE ME.
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.....?

RIGHT, 14TH TOP STUDENT.
I'M ASSUMING THAT YOU'VE HEARD THE STORY OF THE 15TH TOP STUDENT AND 2ND SEAT DISAPPEARING FROM THE ACADEMY?
YES, PROFESSOR OSHIMA.
VERY WELL.
GASP
(WHACK!)
!!
WH-WHAT THE...
PRO-FESSOR OSHIMA !!

NO WAY...
SO OF COURSE, YOU WILL BE TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS OFFENSE!
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH STUDENT YASHIMA!!
THE SENIOR STUDENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TWO JUNIOR STUDENTS' FAILURES!
THE 15TH TOP STUDENT IS MIMICKING YOUR OWN FAILURE TO LEAD CORRECTLY
FASH (SLAP)
YES IT DOES!!!
!!
MY GOD, HOW PATHETIC.
IS THIS WHAT THE TITLE OF "TOP STUDENT" TITLE HAS COME TO!?

A SHIOMIAN 14TH TOP STUDENT AND AN OINAIAN 15TH TOP STUDENT...
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU BASE EVERYTHING ON MERE ACADEMIC SCORES!
AND FINALLY, THIS IS WHAT I WAS WORRIED ABOUT.
A SENIOR THAT CANNOT CONTROL EVEN ONE JUNIOR.
AND OF ALL THINGS, A TOP STUDENT WHO INVOLVES CLASSMATES IN HIS OWN DEVIOUS SCHEMES...
I APOLOGISE FOR SKIPPING CLASS!
BUT THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH-...
PASHI! (SMACK!)
.....!

ANYTHING YOU SAY WILL RESULT IN ME BEING WHACKED IN THE FACE!
GOSHI (RUB)
YOU IDIOT... YOU STILL DON'T GET IT?!
WH... WHY?!
WHY ARE YOU HITTING STUDENT YASHIMA?!
GU (CLENCH)
STUDENT MIKASA...
GRRR...
WHAT'S WITH THE INTENSE LOOKS?!
HOW ABOUT LOOKING IN A MIRROR WITH THOSE EXPRESSIONS?

YOU, WHO LOOKS LIKE A PERSON FROM AN ENEMY COUNTRY, WITH THAT HAIR COLOUR, THAT EYE COLOUR...
AND YOU, WHO LOOKS MORE LIKE AN ANIMAL THAN A HUMAN, WITH THOSE EARS AND THAT TAIL...
TO TRY AND MIMIC US AKITSU BY COMING TO THIS ACADEMY AND WEARING THE UNIFORM...
WHAT A JOKE.

YOU TWO ARE FROM INFERIOR MINORITIES.
SO YOU ARE UNFIT TO SERVE IN THE NAVY OF OUR GREAT COUNTRY OF TSUSHIMA!!
IN THE PAST AND FROM HERE ON, THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO CAN PROTECT THIS COUNTRY ARE AKITSU!
GYU... (CLENCH...)
ENDURE IT...!
HE'LL HIT STUDENT YASHIMA AGAIN...!!
IF I SAY ABSOLUTELY ANYTHING,
SO YOUR REAL BELIEF COMES OUT, HUH?

YOU WASTE OF SPACE.
GATA-N (CLATTER)
!!
WHAT THE HELL DID YOU JUST SAY?!
IF YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING, JUST SPIT IT OUT!!
PASHI! (SMACK!)
STUDENT YASHIMA!!

AND BEAR IN MIND, NEXT TIME I HEAR THAT EITHER OF YOU ARE INFLUENCING OTHER STUDENTS TO FOLLOW YOUR IMMORAL CONDUCT, THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!
REMEMBER THIS, IN ALL RIGHTS, YOU SHOULD'VE NEVER BEEN ALLOWED TO ENTER THIS ACADEMY!
THE FACT THAT YOU ARE HERE MIXING WITH 'US' IS...
A STAIN ON THE RECORD OF THE NEW NAVY ACADEMY!!

Chapter 5
A Reason to Fight

DAMN IT!
I THINK MY LIP IS CUT FROM THE INSIDE.
PROFESSOR OSHIMA HIT ME WITH EVERYTHING HE HAD
ARE YOU OK, STUDENT YASHIMA?
LET'S TELL SOMEONE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED.
I THINK WE SHOULD GO TO THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE...
THAT'S NOT NECES-SARY!

I CAN'T GO BOTHERING THE DOCTOR WITH EVERY LITTLE PROBLEM.
PROFESSOR OSHIMA HAS BEEN THAT WAY EVER SINCE I SET FOOT IN THIS ACADEMY.
THIS ISN'T MY FIRST OR SECOND TIME.
I SEE...
YEP, THIS IS THE 26TH TIME.
HUH?
Y-YOU KEPT COUNT?
IT'S NOT REALLY ABOUT KEEPING COUNT,
I JUST REMEMBER EACH TIME.
I WANT TO FORGET ABOUT BEING BEATEN UP WITHOUT A MOMENT'S HESITATION.

HOWEVER, I ALWAYS REMEMBER EVERY DETAIL.
THE REASON WHY PROFESSOR OSHIMA DOES THIS IS STUPID, BUT,
YOU HEARD IT TOO, HIS TRUE BELIEF
THAT "INFERIOR MINORITIES"
ARE "UNFIT TO SERVE IN THE NAVY."
ONLY AKITSU CAN PROTECT THIS GREAT COUNTRY OF TSUSHIMA,
SOME-THING HE ALWAYS TELLS ME.

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!
THEN,
LET'S SHOW HIM
HOW WRONG HE IS!

WHETHER YOU'RE AN AKITSU OR AN OINAIAN; IT SHOULDN'T MATTER!
WE WERE ALL BORN IN THIS COUNTRY.
SO WE ALL HAVE THE PROOF WE NEED TO PROTECT IT!
LET'S BECOME GREAT SOLDIERS
AND CHANGE THAT GUY'S POINT OF VIEW!

... HMM,
AS ALWAYS, SUCH AN AUDACIOUS GUY.
EVER SINCE I WAS AN UNDERCLASSMAN, I WANTED TO DO THAT.
AHA... REALLY!
YES, THE TOP STUDENT TITLE ISN'T JUST FOR SHOWING OFF.
EH...?!
I AM GOING TO BEAT ALL THE AKITSU SENSELESS UNTIL THEY CHANGE THEIR MINDS!
EXACTLY.

N-NO, UMM, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT-!
STUDENT MIKASA, YOU WEREN'T GOING TO SAY SOMETHING INCREDIBLY NAIVE, WERE YOU?
YOU'VE HEARD ALL THAT PROFESSOR OSHIMA HAD TO SAY ABOUT PEOPLE LIKE US!
AND DON'T FORGET ABOUT MONDAY, WHEN EVERYONE MADE YOU THE BAD GUY WITHOUT ANY EVIDENCE!
.....
IT'S THEIR TRUE BELIEF!
THEY ARE ABSOLUTELY LOOKING DOWN AND DESPISING US.
I BELIEVE THAT ABOUT PROFESSOR OSHIMA...
BUT NOT ALL AKITSU ARE LIKE THAT.
YOU ARE IGNORANT OF HOW THIS WORLD WORKS. STOP TALKING ABOUT A PERFECT WORLD THAT DOESN'T EXIST!
I'M TALKING ABOUT REALITY HERE!

I'M TALKING ABOUT REALITY, TOO!
MY OLDER BROTHER IS AN AKITSU...
AND HE HAS NEVER LOOKED DOWN ON ME!!
BRO-THER?
HOW IS YOUR BROTHER AN AKITSU, WHEN YOU'RE AN OINAIAN?
WELL, I WAS ADOPTED INTO THE MIKASA FAMILY,
SO MY MOTHER AND FATHER ARE BOTH AKITSU.
ALSO, MY BROTHER IS THE IRREGU-LAR ARMY CAPTAIN, MIKASA MITSUKIYO.
SINCE I WAS LITTLE, HE'S ALWAYS LOOKED AFTER ME.
HE WAS SO HAPPY WHEN I TOLD HIM THAT I WAS ENTERING THIS ACADEMY.
I'VE HEARD THAT NAME SOME-WHERE BEFORE ...
HUH....
CAPTAIN... MIKASA?

WAIT, THREE YEARS AGO, THE GUY WHO LEAD THE ARMY INTO BATTLE WAS
"MIKASA OF UTSU-NOMIYA"??
YE-YEAH!
BIG BROTHER MITSUKIYO NEVER TALKS ABOUT IT,
BUT EVERYONE KNOWS HIM AS THE HERO OF THE CIVIL WAR!
BIG BROTHER MITSUKIYO IS THE COOLEST IN THE WOR—
BUH!
WH-?
... OH I GET IT. NOW IT MAKES SENSE.
THAT'S WHY HE WOULDN'T HIT YOU.
YOUR BROTHER IS AN AKITSU, AND HIGH-RANKING.

EH
WOAH!?
YOU ABSOLUTE MORON!!
ST-STUDENT YASHIMA!
WHAT ARE -
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO PLAY NICE WITH THEM BEFORE YOU'RE SATISFIED?!
"HERO OF THE CIVIL WAR" ... "THE COOLEST," HUH?!

WAI-WAIT!!
STUDENT YASHIMA!!
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!!
YOU, PROTECTED BY AN AIKITSU, ALL NICE AND SNUG...
DO YOU HAVE ANY DOUBTS?! DON'T YOU THINK OF IT AS DEPLORABLE?!
"LET'S BECOME GREAT SOLDIERS."
"LET'S SHOW THEM!" ... THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID, RIGHT?
AHH...

DO YOU REALLY UNDER-STAND...
...THE MEANING OF THOSE WORDS?
YOU UNDERSTAND NOTHING OF THIS WORLD.
DID YOU THINK THAT YOU COULD BECOME ANYTHING?
HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT
OF YOUR SITUATION?
"THE HERO OF THE CIVIL WAR"
IS SOMETHING THE GOVERNMENT MADE UP; THEY'RE JUST PRETTY WORDS.
IS BASED OFF YOUR BROTHER, RIGHT?
THE "GREAT SOLDIER" THAT YOU REFERRED TO...
!
!!

WHAT YOU SAID WAS SOME-THING MADE UP BY SOME OFFICIAL.
THERE'S NO REAL EVIDENCE TO IT; IT'S JUST A LIE!
AND SO,
IT MEANS THAT YOU HAVE NO REASON TO FIGHT!!
GAH!!!

GAA ...
A REASON
TO FIGHT?
NO REAL EVIDENCE,
JUST A LIE?
JUST PRETTY WORDS?
JUST MADE UP,

FALLING DOWN ISN'T GOING TO STOP ME.
UGH...
ONE MORE HIT.
OWW!!
YOU MAY THINK THIS IS BAD, BUT I'M JUST GIVING YOU PAYBACK.
I GOT HIT 23 TIMES ...
I KNOW
NOTHING...?

AND I HIT YOU 3 TIMES.
YOU UNDER-STAND, RIGHT?
UU...
DON'T FORGET ABOUT HOW MUCH I TOOK.
MY OWN
REASON TO FIGHT...
UGH...
DAMN... IT STILL HURTS.

LET'S SHOW THEM
HOW WRONG THEY ARE!
IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING,
THAT'S WHAT I TRIED TO DO FROM THE START.

SANEKIYO MIKASA
TADANOBU HATSUSE
O-OI! MIKASA, WHERE DID YOU GET THOSE WOUNDS?
WHAT HAPPENED? ARE YOU OK?
DID PROFESSOR OSHIMA HIT YOU?
.....
NO... STUDENT YASHIMA...
EEHH?! WHY?!
WEREN'T YOU TWO BEING LECTURED BY PROFESSOR OSHIMA?
SWEAT
ANYWAY, WE NEED TO STOP THE SWELLING.
I'LL GO GET SOMETHING COLD.
... HATSUSE.

YOUR "REASON TO FIGHT"...
WHAT IS IT?
HUH?
WH... WHY THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN?
PROFESSOR OSHIMA TOLD ME THAT BECAUSE I'M AN OINAIAN,
I CAN'T BECOME A SOLDIER.
AND STUDENT YASHIMA TOLD ME THAT I HAVE NO REASON TO FIGHT.
I THOUGHT THAT I COULD BECOME LIKE MY BIG BROTHER,
IMPRESSIVE AND CONFIDENT.
I WANTED TO BE SOMEONE WITH THE POWER TO PROTECT SOMEONE ELSE—

BUT THAT CAN'T HAPPEN;
THEY'RE JUST ALL LIES.
I WILL NEVER FIND MY REASON TO FIGHT...
...MIKASA.
HATSUSE! THIS IS KILLING ME!
I WANTED TO SAY "YOU'RE WRONG," BUT I COULDN'T!
THERE WAS SOMETHING I REALLY, REALLY WANTED TO SAY,
BUT THE WORDS WOULDN'T COME OUT OF MY MOUTH!!

IT'S GOOD YOU SAID NOTHING.
...EH?
IT'S GOOD THAT YOU SAID NOTHING.
YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO MESS UP YOUR REAL REASON FOR FIGHTING BY MAKING SOMETHING UP TO PLEASE OTHERS.
...HATSUSE.
BUT, BUT
I CAN'T MIMIC AN AKITSU...
NO...

YOU'RE ONLY MIMICKING ON THE SURFACE, RIGHT?
YOU SAID THAT YOU "WANT TO BECOME LIKE THAT," AND THAT'S ALL THE EVIDENCE YOU NEED.
TODAY, WHEN WE SAW HER MAJESTY IYO,
WE BOTH SAID IT AT THE SAME TIME:
"LET'S BECOME GREAT SOLDIERS AND PROTECT THIS GREAT COUNTRY."
THAT'S A REASON ENOUGH FOR MOST.
YOU AND I,
WE CAN FIGHT, TOGETHER.

BUT, ONE THING'S FOR CERTAIN—
OR, WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING?
WHAT EXACTLY AM I, FOR EXAMPLE?
I REALLY HAVEN'T UNDER-STOOD ANYTHING UNTIL NOW.

EVEN IF IT'S NOT ENOUGH, I CAN SAY
"FOR NOW, AT LEAST,
AND PROBABLY,
I WILL STRUGGLE TO REACH MY FAR, FAR ANSWER, BUT
I HAVE SOMEONE I WANT TO FOLLOW."

I HAVE ONE KEY TO IT NOW.

BATHROOM
MY REASON TO FIGHT..
I CAN'T SEE IT AT ALL
BUT FOR NOW,
"THERE'S SOMEONE I WANT TO FOLLOW."
IT'S THE ONLY KEY I NEED..
AND BEFORE LONG, I WILL BE ABLE TO SEE IT
"MY REASON TO FIGHT."
END OF VOLUME 1.
THANKS FOR READING!

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When we're just too lazy to translate the Omakes, you guys should know us by now. Only our joints do that &D

But if you couldn't tell, this is basically the main characters' reactions to Soukai Kessen Volume 1.

(In particular, they're commenting on Sanekiyo's cat ears.)

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